

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PICKERING et al.

U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB00/00571

Entry papers filed herewith August 22, 2001

For: STABILIZATION OF TRANSITION ALUMINA

Attention: PCT OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/GB00/00571. The following amendments pertain to the claims as amended.

Please note that the amended pages 30-34 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed pages 30-34 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on amended pages 30-34.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-5, 9-11, 13-16, 18, 20-22 and 27 with the following amended claims.

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